



The LIGHT House Sunday School News

Walking and talking with the Saints at Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church

February 24, 2019

Church Calendar
Middle Sunday
Readings
Is 63:18-64:12, Ti 1:1-11, Jn 7:37-52.

Sundays: Look Ahead Calendar of Events

Mar 3	Poon Paregentan
Mar 10	Sunday of Expulsion
Mar 17	Sunday of the Prodigal Son

CEAB On-Duty: Joyce Avedisian (401-935-1815)
Absent Teacher On-Call: Anna Robinson (401-580-6788)

Today's Schedule

Grades PreK-10

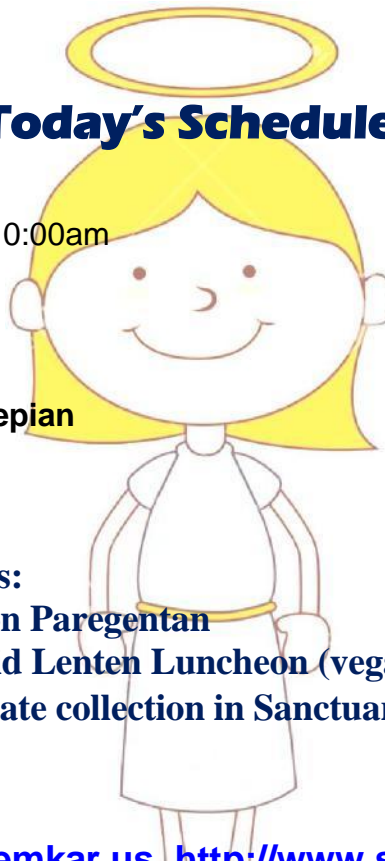
- Regularly scheduled classes, 10:00am
- Badarak attendance

Readers this week:

- Ani Poghosyan, Susanna Ovsepian

Save these Dates:

- **Annual Lenten Drive Events:**
 - **Sunday, March 3rd – Poon Paregentan**
 - **Sunday, March 24th – Mid Lenten Luncheon (vegan)**
 - **Sunday, April 7th – 2nd plate collection in Sanctuary**



Visit these Websites: <https://vemkar.us>, <http://www.stvoski.org/embed.html>
<https://armenianchurch.us/>

On-Going Charitable Projects: *charitable giving includes canned goods collections, hygienic products collection, weekly plate collection, winter warmth items and the Lenten Drive*

- Contribute and participate in the quarterly Mary House Service Program
- **Hygiene Products – Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, Kleenex, toilet paper, hand sanitizers, wipes, mouthwash, deodorants** – container is in Sunday School Hall
- **Keep Warm This Winter** – hats, gloves, mittens, sox, scarfs – to be donated to Mary’s House - drive from November to March --- container is in Sunday School Hall
- **This year’s Lenten Drive will raise money for Combating Child Malnutrition in Armenia – to be administered by FAR.**

From DCE:

From Today’s Readings

John 7: 37-52 During the important Jewish Feast of the Tabernacles, Jesus has been teaching the crowds and the Temple authorities. He speaks of the “living water” that will flow from those who believe in him (meaning that they will be filled someday with the Holy Spirit). People asked one another if he was indeed the Christ. The temple guards were too awed by His words to intervene. *Discuss/reflect: Why might Nicodemus have defended Jesus? Read about his earlier encounter with Him in John 3:1-21. In what ways would the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life be like “flowing water?”*

Titus 1:1-11 St. Paul advises his protégé Titus to discourage wrong teachings and to carefully consider the qualities of those appointed elders of the community. *Discuss/reflect: What are the qualities St. Paul considered important to those who lead a Christian community? (vv 6-9; note St. Paul refers to leaders as husbands and fathers since church elders then were usually married.) Why do you think Paul’s list of leadership qualifications focused mostly on “being” and not on “doing?”*

Is 63:18-64:12 Israel continues its frank admission of sinfulness and pleads for God’s merciful intervention as their Father. *Discuss/reflect: In vv 5-7, Isaiah describes God as one who always supports those who “gladly do right and remember His ways” but who will seem hidden from those who “never call on His name or strive to seek Him.” Between these two poles, where is God in your life? If you are clay and God is the potter (v. 8), how does He shape you?*

February 26 & 28: St. Ghevont and St. Vartan



The Feast of St. Vartan and the 1,036 Martyrs (*Vartanantz*) commemorates the Battle of Avarayr in 451 A.D. This was the war the Persians waged against the Armenians after attempting in vain to oppress them under Persian rule and religion. The Armenians were hugely outnumbered in this first recorded battle in defense of Christianity. Under the leadership of their commander-in-chief, Vartan Mamigonian, they fought valiantly. Although the battle was lost, it paved the way for religious freedom three decades later, when the Treaty of Nuvarsak was brokered by Vartan’s nephew, Vahan Mamigonian, in 484.

Fr. Ghevont was General Mamigonian’s advisor, serving as what might be called today the army chaplain. Before the battle, he inspired the army with a deeply moving speech and went among the soldiers, distributing Holy Communion. St. Ghevont was later taken to Persia with other clergymen and in response to his fervent evangelizing, martyred along with the other priests. His memory is celebrated two days before *Vartanantz*, on the feast day of *Ghevontyantz*.

Department of Christian Education

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St Nersess 2019 Conferences:

- Adult Conference *NEW*: June 6-9
- Deacons' Training Program: June 28-July 7
- High School Conference: July 26-August 4
- College Winter Conference: January 2-6, 2020

Camp Registration

Registrations and applications for Hye Camp and St. Vartan Camp are now available:

diocesansummercamps.org

Contact for St Vartan Camp: **Kathryn Ashbahian** (kathryna@armeniadiocese.org)

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St. Vartan Camp

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Sunday School Scholarships for St Nersess and Camp:

- Sunday School offers special scholarships for students who have at least one parent who is a dues paying church member.
 - Students with 90%-100% attendance can receive from 90%-100% scholarships for either St Nersess or camp fees. Non-attendance based scholarships are up to \$150.